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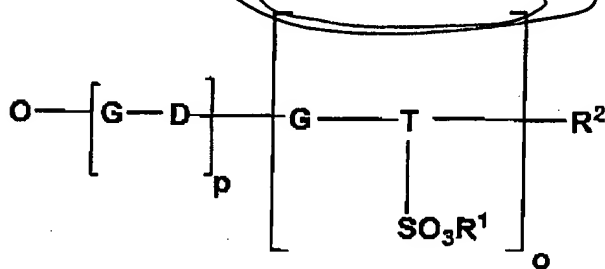
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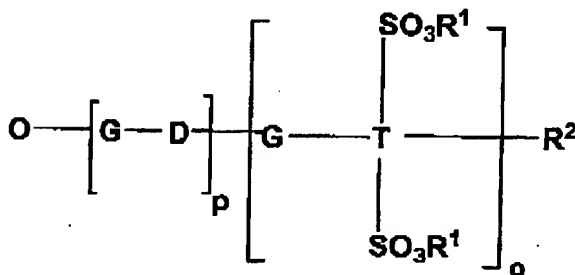
1. Water-soluble and/or water-dispersible comb polymers consisting of a polymer main chain and polyester side-arms which contain sulphone groups and are linked to said polymer main chain via ester groups.

2. (Currently amended) Comb polymers according to Claim 1, characterized in that their polymeric main chain is ~~chosen~~ ^{consist of} selected from the group of polymeric aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic polycarboxylic acids and ~~derivatives—salts or esters thereof, such as, for example, polyacrylic acid, polymethacrylic acid and esters thereof (esters of the two acids with aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic alcohols with C₁ to C₂₂) maleic acid, maleic anhydride, fumaric acid and polynorbomenic acid.~~

3. (Currently amended) ~~Comb~~ The comb polymers according to Claim 1, characterized in that the polyester side arms are chosen from the group of polyesters of the following generic structural formulae



Formula I



Formula II